

# **MINUTES OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **J. MARTIN GRIESEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**April 28, 2000**

**9:00 AM**

**Present:** Appointed Members: Caleb Faux, Terry Hankner, Donald Mooney; Administration: Richard Mendes, Deputy City Manager; City Council Representative: James Tarbell; City Planning Staff: Elizabeth Blume, Director, City Planning Department, Steven A. Kurtz, Administrator, Land Use Management

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mooney.

### **MINUTES**

Ms. Hankner moved approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2000 meeting, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Faux, motion carried (all ayes).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Hankner moved approval of the following three items:

#### **Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Walton Alley in Walnut Hills**

A dirt path known as Walton Alley bisects private property located at 528 Wilkinson Street in Walnut Hills. The property owner has requested a vacation of this portion of the street in order to secure and consolidate her property. A coordinated report was circulated to various City departments and there was no objection to the vacation.

#### **Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Lease Agreement for Three Parking Lots in Corryville with University Village Association**

On February 25, 1991, the University Village Association (UVA) and the City of Cincinnati originally entered into a five-year lease with a five-year renewal option for three parking lots in the University Village Business District. The renewal option, due in 1996, was never executed; this amendment allows the UVA to exercise its five-year renewal option and extends the lease agreement to February 25, 2001. All other terms of the lease agreement will remain in effect and valid.

**Resolution Declaring the Intent to Appropriate 20 Parcels of Real Property Required for Improvement of Red Bank Road in Pleasant Ridge**

The Department of Transportation & Engineering plans to improve Red Bank Road from Woodford Road to Zinsle Avenue by replacing existing pavement, curbs, sidewalks and upgrading the drainage. The project involves a total of 20 residential parcels and 20 temporary easements in the front yards needed to accommodate three feet for regrading and five feet for driveway reconstruction. Improvements to horizontal and vertical alignments and a constant roadway width will increase safety of the said street. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2000, with completion scheduled for spring of 2001.

Mr. Faux seconded Ms. Hankner's motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (5-0).

**PROPOSAL TO REVIEW PLANNING**

Ms. Blume discussed of the creation of a "blue ribbon committee" to review the role of planning in this community. A critical review might include investigation of the following areas of concern: the role of planning in government and public decision making; the roles and relationships of the various local and regional planning organizations; the role and work program of the City Planning Department; and possibly other concerns, as well.

Initially, such a review panel would focus strictly on planning; however, it is likely that, in the near future, the focus would be expanded to include both Economic Development and the Department of Neighborhood Services. The results of the review could then be combined to bring forward a coordinated work program.

No action is necessary at this time; these comments are provided for information only.

**HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**

Ms. Blume shared with Commissioners the latest packet of information received from the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, which includes an organization chart and a model resolution for this Commission to consider. The new partnership will create a forum for land use, development and transportation issues. This process began as a result of an acknowledged need for a more coordinated voice from the region both at OKI and in the State legislature.

A resolution for the CPC to act upon will be forthcoming in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

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Elizabeth A. Blume, Director  
City Planning Department

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Donald J. Mooney, Chairman  
City Planning Commission

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